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The following answers to operational questions are keyed to questions on Form 51-67:

19. In the case officer's opinion, subject was in contact with the GIC during the early stages of the German campaign in Galicia. CAPARISON states that in 1939 he made the acquaintance of Dr. ERICH ARLT @ von WERNER. ARLT was at that time attached to a German armored division and wore civilian clothes. CAPARISON claims that ARLT was primarily interested in the political and ideological side of the Ukraine liberation movement, but he does not believe that he was an intelligence officer. Special Agent Camille S. Hajdu, formerly of CIC Region IV, once stated to the case officer at a time when ARLT was a member of the ARLT group that the latter was some kind of a German liaison officer to GIC Banders during the war. Whether ARLT did actually intelligence work during the war is uncertain, but it is a fact that since 1945 he has worked in an intelligence capacity for GIC Region IV and for Constabulary MIB.

CAPARISON's postwar contacts with American intelligence agencies can be summarized as follows:

- a. 1946-1947 in contact with ☐ and then ☐ (See Operation PHILADORNIA et al).
- b. Mid-1947 thru 1948 conferred with Special Agent Hajdu on matters pertaining to the Ukrainian emigration; not actually working for GIC and this until 20 February 1948.

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- c. Mid-August 1948-13 January 1949 informant of Capt. Zoltan Havas, Constabulary MIS Straubing through cutouts Adolf IDOL and Dr. Fritz ARLT.

CAPARISON's known postwar associations with non-American organizations which also carry on intelligence activities are as follows:

1. Caritas: It is not known whether subject's admitted membership in this organization has any intelligence relevancy.
2. The Catholic Church: It is not known to the case officer whether the relationship between subject as a Greek Catholic priest and Bishop BUTZKO in the Vatican involves any intelligence activities. BUTZKO is the highest ecclesiast of this church in Western Europe, reputedly has the position of advisor on Eastern Church Affairs in the congregation of the Eastern Rite in the Vatican and pays CAPARISON 100 DM per month, allegedly for celebrating mass.

38. Subject first contacted by the present case officer in August 1948 through Special Agent Camille Hajdu who was then subject's case officer. The introduction was accomplished by a letter from Hajdu.

39. Yes, subject is quite used to being tossed from one case officer to another, to being recruited or dropped by AIS members or their intermediaries.

40. Idealistic patriotism: self-dedication to the Ukrainian national cause.

41. a. CIS Region IV, Munich in Spring 1948 and in February 1949.

- b. GHEM in December 1948.

- c. MIS Straubing through Capt. Havas in January 1949.

42. a. Subject's political career would be greatly damaged if Ukrainian political groups opposing ZPUHVA, such as OUN, learned that subject is active agent. As CAPARISON put it, "the OUN would be embarrassed on its ability to recruit the best and brightest leaders of leading channels for a free nation of Ukraine." Character.

- b. Subject seems to be convinced that only with the help of the United States military potential during an east-west conflict can the Ukraine ever attain national independence during CAPARISON's lifetime.

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- c. ZPUHVR is practically insolvent and unable to undertake the political program with which it was charged by the president of the UHVR in 1944. ZPUHVR's ability to smuggle in the English Pounds which they received from the Ukrainian subscribers to the "Ukrainian Tribune" residing in England was brought to an abrupt halt in April 1949 by the insertion of a British accountant who checks their financial ledger in England. The sale of these pounds in Germany was ZPUHVR's main source of income, according to ACROBAT.
43. Subject realizes that reports about his organization were sent to Washington by ☐ in 1946. Subject also knows that the undersigned case officer is from the same organization as ☐.
44. Sample of subject's handwriting is attached to FEM's copy. It is doubtful whether subject was ignorant of the fact that a sample of his handwriting was being collected at the time he wrote this, hence the printing and awkward-looking characters.
45. Subject is very well-informed and highly intelligent.
46. The following evaluations of subject's character, reliability, and security correspond to statements made by ☐ ☐ Camille S. Hajdu and Capt. ☐avas:
- a. Character: uncorruptibly honest; congenial by nature, religious but not dogmatic, prudent, extremely circumspect verbally, self-composed, outwardly imperturbable, a natural leader-of-men type, not aggressive in his personal opinion, a hard-headed realist particularly gifted at slow conference table negotiation, not above using his good command of rhetoric and paraphrase to the fore whenever he desires to temporize or avoid answering a question directly.
- b. Reliability: It is perfectly clear to the case officer that the subject's reliability is predicated by his uncompromising self-dedication to the creation of an independent Ukraine. None of the former case officers of subject have stated that he either cooperated completely or constantly with them. His reliability will undoubtedly vary in direct relation to the assessment of the United States' attitude toward free and independent Ukraine; hence MOR's desire to make him indebted to our organization.
- c. Security: There have been no security breaches on the part of subject during the three years he has been reported to American intelligence; to the best knowledge of those case officers. Subject has the strongly marked conspiratorial qualities which one would expect in an underground leader of Russian stock.

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47. Almost all information given by the subject has been verbal. The most important exceptions to this rule to date were the attachments to MGM-A-793, i.e. material allegedly printed in the Ukraine and brought to Germany by the APOSTLES. Subject has an abhorrence of submitting anything in writing, be it hand or typewritten. The case officer knows of no case where subject handed any self-written reports of which he was the author to any representative of an American intelligence agency or to their intermediaries. Subject has submitted information verbally on the following:

- a. Statistics on the Ukrainian emigration in Western Germany, given in May 1948 to Special Agent Hajdu who turned them over to the case officer for background material for the ICOM report.
- b. The history of the various Ukrainian resistance organizations, given to the case officer in August, September and October 1948.
- c. General and mainly superannuated information on economic and social conditions in the Ukraine, particularly as they have a bearing on the underground movement.
- d. Underground handbills and pamphlets allegedly printed in the Ukraine and brought to Germany by the APOSTLES. (See attachments to MGM-A-793).

48. Subject is a Ukrainian emigrant politician. All intelligence of interest which he can pass on is deemed by the case officer to be secondhand.

49. Subject is not integrated with any other operations of this organization at present. As reported in MONT-442 an attempt was made by [ ] to contact him and, presumably, [ ]

50. Subject's information from the Ukraine in subject's session has come from refugees and the APOSTLES. Whether he receives information from the Ukraine from other sources is not known.

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